

Yinjibarndi language

Yinjibarndi is a Pama–Nyungan language spoken by the Yindjibarndi people of the Pilbara region in north-western Australia.

Yinjibarndi is mutually intelligible with Kurrama, but the two are considered distinct languages by their speakers.

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Classification

Yindjibarndi is classified as a member of the Ngayarta branch of the Pama–Nyungan languages. Under Carl Georg von Brandenstein's 1967 classification, Yindjibarndi was classed as an Inland Ngayarda language, but the separation of the Ngayarda languages into Coastal and Inland groups is no longer considered valid.

Sounds

Yinjibarndi	
Burnugundi, Mandanjingu	
Native to	Australia
Region	Roebourne region of Western Australia
Ethnicity	Yindjibarndi
Native speakers	377 (2016 census) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Pama–Nyungan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ngayarda<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yinjibarndi</div>
Dialects	Kurrama
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	yij
Glottolog	yind1247 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/yind1247) ^[2]
AIATSIS ^[3]	w37 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/w37)

Yindjibarndi consonant phonemes^[4]

	<u>Peripheral</u>		<u>Laminal</u>		<u>Apical</u>	
	<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Retroflex</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	p	k	ty	th	t	rt
<u>Nasal</u>	m	ng	ny	nh	n	rn
<u>Trill</u>					r	rr
<u>Lateral</u>					l	rl
<u>Approximant</u>	w		y	yh		

Yindjibarndi vowel inventory^[4]

	Front	Back
High	i, i:	u, u:
Low	a, a:	o:

Grammar

Pronouns

Yindjibarndi, like *Lardil*, has pronouns that indicate whether the referents include two people separated by an odd number of generations or not.

Influence on other languages

The verb 'yandy', meaning to separate (grain or pieces of mineral) by shaking in a special shallow dish, comes from Yindjibarndi.^[5]

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